# LAFOURCHE PARISH GAME & FISH COMMISSION

**Minutes: March 13, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission was held on

Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lockport Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry Plaisance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present – Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle, Barry Plaisance, Lloyd Ledet, and Dean Savoie. Absent- None

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Lloyd Ledet to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes – Vincent Guillory, Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No – None

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Dean Savoie to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes – Lloyd Ledet, Vincent Guillory, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No – None

**Secretary Report:** The following was accomplished: checked mail box, copied and assembled meeting paperwork (agenda, minutes, financial report, etc.) for the February and March meeting, submitted minutes for publication in Daily Comet, sent minutes and agenda to Parish clerk, turned in the Commission’s 2016 taxes, mailed out 10 year leases, mailed out annual leases, paid monthly bills, moved office into home, changed the contact number to the Commission, sent out notifications of the number change, purchased a new printer for the office, recorded returned leases at the clerk of courts office, deposited lease payments, reassigned William Doiron’s lease to Blake Bourgeois, reassigned Jackie Marie’s lease to Christopher Jaubert and Allison Dupre, and terminated Alex Hebert’s lease. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Dean Savoie to approve. Voting yes- Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Dean Savooie and Brett Bascle. No- None

**Approval of Financial Report:** A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Brett Bascle to accept the January and February financial reports. Voting yes —Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Brett Bascle, Dean Savoie and Vincent Guillory. No-None

**Public Input:** A question about the ten year lease contract was addressed by Barry Plaisance and Vincent Guillory. Barry and Vincent stated that the terms of the lease had been changed and therefore the contract was updated to reflect such changes.

**Business:**

**Vernon Brunet (Camp Lease):** Barry Plaisance presented to the board the assigning of an additional hundred feet to the former lease of 400 feet to Vernon Brunet as requested from the leasee of Lot 1, Block S-5, which would allocate a total of 500 feet to Vernon. Barry mentioned to the board that the property was thoroughly inspected and in good condition. A motion was made by Lloyd Ledet and seconded by Oray Savoie. Voting Yes- Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No- None.

**Logan Matherne Presentation:** A presentation was made by Logan’s father, Blair Matherne, to the board of a self constructed fish basket for the purpose of smaller fish to seek protection. Logan had prepared this as a project required of his Eagle Scout troop. The board was impressed by the presentation and suggested a donation to Logan Matherne in the amount of $250.00 to help defray the cost of the project. These fish baskets will be placed in a dead end canal out of the way of boat traffic upon completion. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Lloyd Ledet. Voting Yes- Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No- None.

**Jackie and Sherry Marie Camp Sale:** Barry Plaisance presented to the board that Jackie and Sherry Marie’s camp property had been inspected and in good condition. Jackie and Sherry Marie transferred their lease to their daughter Allison Dupre and Christopher Jaubert.

**Debit Card for the Commission:** Barry Plaisance presented the idea of obtaining a debit card for the Commission to use for expenses, making it an easier and updated way to track expenses. A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Lloyd Ledet. Voting Yes- Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No- None.

**Camp Sale Document:** Barry Plaisance presented to the board that all future camp sales will have to furnish the board with a copy of the notarized Bill of Sale. A motion was made by Vincent Guillory and seconded by Dean Savoie. Voting Yes- Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory and Dean Savoie. Voting No- Brett Bascle.

**Bass Fry/ Fingerlings:** Barry Plaisance presented to the board that he has been in contact with Brian Heimann with Wildlife and Fisheries and we should be receiving the Bass Fry at the end of March.

**Lake Long (Cuts):** Barry Plaisance mentioned to the board that he has received several calls from camp owners about a new cut on the southeast side of Lake Long. It was suggested that the board look into placing signs in that area.

**Discharge of Firearms (Camps):** Barry Plaisance reported to the board that he has had several complaints about the discharge of firearms near or around the campsites. Barry mentioned that discharging of firearms is strictly forbidden on camp lease property and that letters need to go out to camp owners stating if the local, state and federal laws are not followed, the board has the right to terminate the lease. A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle. Voting Yes- Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No- None.

**Old Lottery Leases:** Barry Plaisance presented to the board that there have been a few leases that have been voluntarily forfeited and leases that have not been paid for. Barry mentioned the need of an agreement on a date for the delinquent unpaid camp leases. The board agreed to a thirty day notice. After the thirty days, the lease would be terminated and become the Commissions property. Barry also questioned the board if we should allow these leases to become available for sale. A decision was made by the board to not open any other leases for sale as of this time and that the lots that do become available would only be released to current lease holders. A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Vince Guillory. Voting Yes- Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle and Dean Savoie. No- None.

**Dogs at Campsites:** Barry Plaisance mentioned that there have been several complaints about dogs wandering about unattended and unleashed. There have also been complaints about dog bites. It was suggested that this be included in the letter about the firearms and that local and state laws be addressed regarding these issues.

**Board Insurance:** Barry Plaisance notified the board that the insurance policy he was looking into cannot be offered to the board because it is for Emergency personnel only. Laris is continuing to work on finding a policy and quote for the board.

**Field Inspections:** Barry Plaisance, Oray Savoie and Brett Bascle mentioned to the board that they had been in the field in the month of February and everything looked good and in order.

**Commission Reduction of Members:** Recommendations were made to Barry Plaisance from Armand Autin of possibly reducing the board from seven members to five due to three cancelled meetings in a year due to insufficient number of commission members present. Discussion was tabled to another meeting due to the lack of a second.

**Approval of Relocation of Estuary Coastal Service (CPRA):** Barry Plaisance notified the board that Kristen Duhon contacted him due to the CPRA’s equipment being vandalized and stolen. She presented pictures of possible relocations. The commission agreed to allowing the relocation of the equipment to Site 1. A motion was made by Brett Bascle and seconded by Dean Savoie. Voting Yes- Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Vincent Guillory, Brett Bascle, and Dean Savoie. No-None.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dean Savoie and seconded by Brett Bascle to adjourn the meeting. Voting Yes – Vincent Guillory, Lloyd Ledet, Oray Savoie, Dean Savoie and Brett Bascle. No – None.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Barry Plaisance

Chairman

Shontelle Cockerham

Secretary